

Sappington House
West Side of Sappington Road
North of New Watson Road
Crestwood
St. Louis County
Missouri

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SAPPINGTON HOUSE

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Address: West Side of Sappington Road, North of New Watson Road, Crestwood, St. Louis County, Missouri.

Present Owner: Wayne Kennedy, 10584 Roxanna, Sappington 28, Missouri.

Present Occupant: Vacant.

Brief Statement of Significance: This 2-1/2 story house is the oldest known brick structure remaining in St. Louis County.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History

1. Original and subsequent owners: John Sappington, resident of county 1806 to 1815. (St. Louis probate court #190. Inventory of contents). Thomas Sappington 1817 to 1860 (Probate court #5745). Marshall Sappington to Peter M. Brown, to Ernest Wingate 1881, to John Rose 1884, to Robert Nickle 1885/6 to his daughter, Mrs. J. Pieraux, to Wayne C. Kennedy 1959.
2. Date of erection: Traditionally 1808, between 1806 and 1815.
3. Notes on alterations and additions: With the exception of the kitchen the house is unaltered. There is no plumbing. Kitchen fireplace removed. Wood lean-to built on it.

B. Likely Sources Not Yet Investigated: Sappington papers, Missouri Historical Society.

PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

A. General Statement

1. Architectural character: This is the oldest known brick structure remaining in St. Louis county, and is similar to houses in Virginia and Maryland.
2. Condition of fabric: Poor.

B. Technical Description of Exterior

1. Overall dimensions: 2-1/2 stories, 18' x 30' (divided into 3 bays) with one-story wing at the south end. Main block facing east.

2. Foundations: Field stone with lime mortar.
3. Wall construction: Brick - Flemish bond on front, common bond on sides and rear.
4. Chimneys: Two brick chimneys in the end walls of the main block. Kitchen chimney in wing removed.
5. Openings:
 - a. Doorways and doors: Eight paneled doors with top lights in simple frames. Doorway openings have flat brick arches.
 - b. Windows: Six double hung wood windows with six light sash over six light sash.
6. Roof:
 - a. Shape, covering: Gable roofs with modern asphalt tile over wood shingle.
 - b. Eaves: Simple, molded, boxed eaves and beaded barge board.

C. Technical Description of Interior

1. Floor plans: Two rooms per floor.
2. Stairways: L-shaped corner stair with top half enclosed with winders at the angle. Open string lower half with elaborate scroll ornament on the outside string.
3. Flooring: Random-width boards.
4. Wall and ceiling finish: Plaster.
5. Doorways and doors: Paneled pine.
6. Trim: Chair rail. Unusual hexagonal hearth tiles. Mantlepieces are a country interpretation of Adam designs.
7. Hardware: Later. About 1870.
8. Lighting: Electric.
9. Heating: Fireplaces and stoves.

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D. Site

1. General setting and orientation: House faces east.
Rural setting.
2. Outbuildings: Shanty types - not early.
3. Landscaping: Overgrown garden in weeds.

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HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

The following information was recorded by Alexander Piaget and Charles van Ravenswaay at the time the photograph was taken:

"Thomas Sappington was the second son of John Sappington, a revolutionary-war veteran who had come to this territory as early as 1804 and settled on a tract of 1920 acres. John gave part of this tract to Thomas when the latter married Mary Ann Kinkead in 1808, and this house, one of the oldest surviving brick structures in the state, was probably built at that time. It is one of a group of houses in the Crestwood area that were built by the children of John Sappington (there were eighteen in all) and their relatives. Zephaniah Sappington, the eldest son, built the house at 11145 Gravois Road, and Mark Sappington, the third son, may have built the later house at 8500 Old Sappington Road. William Lindsay Long, who married Elizabeth Sappington, built White Haven, at 9060 Whitehaven Drive and later the Long Log House at 9385 Pardee Lane. Joseph Sappington, who was a cousin, built 10734 Clearwater Drive.

Thomas Sappington was born in 1783 in Ohio County, Virginia, now Brooke County, West Virginia. He served in the War of 1812 as a lieutenant under Major McNair, who was later to become Missouri's first governor. He died in 1860. His house is a prime example of the Federal architecture of Maryland and Virginia and most unusual in Missouri for its time. The moldings in the house are hand-turned, and the mantels are hand-carved. The house was purchased by the City of Crestwood in 1961 and restored by a committee chaired by Mrs. Walter Buxton, a Sappington descendant, with Gerhardt Kramer and William Bodley Lane as architects. It opened to the public in 1966." (From, St. Louis County Department of Parks and Recreation, Historic Buildings in St. Louis County, 1985).

PROJECT INFORMATION

The Piaget-van Ravenswaay Survey consists of a number of photographs, primarily of sites and structures in Missouri, which were taken before 1938 by Alexander Piaget and after that by Paul Piaget, both in conjunction with Charles van Ravenswaay. Photographs of buildings were incorporated into the HABS collection in 1985 by Laura Rupp and in 1986 by Deborah Fulton, HABS historians. A master list is available in the field records for MO-1800.